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### **OREGON WOMAN SENTENCED TO 33 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR SMUGGLING ADULT AND 7-YEAR-OLD ILLEGAL ALIENS**

**TUCSON, ARIZONA** –The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on April 8, 2004, Angelina Marie Contreras, DOB (08/9/63), of Salem, Oregon, was sentenced to 33 months in prison to be followed by 3 years supervised release, by United States District Judge John M. Roll, in Tucson, Arizona.

On November 15, 2003, Angelina Marie Contreras attempted to enter the United States from the Republic of Mexico at the Douglas Port of Entry in Arizona. Ms. Contreras approached the pedestrian lane accompanied by an adult female and a 7-year-old minor female. Ms. Contreras falsely claimed that the 7-year-old child was a United States citizen. The adult falsely claimed U.S. citizenship and presented an Oregon identification document. Upon further inspection, however, and when questioned by authorities, Ms. Contreras admitted that she did not know the names of the adult and child. She stated that she had been given documents to give to the adult and child to facilitate entry into the United States and had instructed them on

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what to say when they entered the United States. Ms. Contreras also stated that all three were going to take a bus to Tucson where the child's father was to pick up the child. The companions were found to be Mexican citizens in the United States illegally. Ms. Contreras pled guilty to Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1324(a)(1)(v)(I) and 1324(a)(1)(B)(i), a felony, on January 20, 2004.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Special Agent Paul del Rincon of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Douglas, Arizona.

The prosecution was handled by Raquel Arellano, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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